

# GIRL CRIPPLE LAUGHS AT MISFORTUNE

## Both Legs Gone, She Smiles as She "Mothers" Family

Here is a girl who has never got any fun out of life. Every day is a repetition of the day before—existence in a squalid tenement—unable to get out because she has lost both legs—and all she asks is a bit of sunshine.

Despite her environment and her frightful handicap, she has proved that she is a brave soldier in life's army, for through faith alone she forces her heart to sing and her eyes to smile.

Katherine Carffer is 29 and lives on the fourth floor of the tenement at 312 West 69th St. with her father and younger sister, Margaret. Katherine, "apostle of mirth," is the housekeeper.

She has no wheel chair. She pulls herself about while seated on a common kitchen chair. She tilts the chair in a marvelously clever manner while grasping at things in the two-room flat, and thus gets about the little "home."

### Stricken as Child

She was born near McKeesport, Pa. There at a little junction station called Wapping her father worked on the Pennsylvania Railroad. When she was 12 years old she was stricken with infantile paralysis.

"I think the doctor made a wrong diagnosis," she said last night, "but any way both my feet were cut off at the ankles."

"At that time I wanted to die. I could no longer romp with my playmates. And children don't like to play with a cripple. I could no longer think of dancing—or marriage. Who would want to marry a legless girl?"

"But there is what saved me." She pointed to a picture of herself taken in her confirmation gown. "That was just before my first operation. When I came out of the operation and realized I no longer had feet, I thought of suicide. But I thought of my church vow. One could not be a Christian and think of self-destruction. And I forced myself to be CHEERFUL—and I have been HAPPY ever since."

### Again to Hospital

"We moved here. Father got work with the railroad. And then gangrene set in—and again to the hospital. I was told that it would be a very serious operation, but I refused to give up. And I WON THAT VICTORY. All my life I've been WINNING. I'm winning now."

"Daddy saved and got me artificial feet, but they have become far too heavy for me now, and are useless. And I have been to so many hospitals that I have lost count. I got back from the last one just six weeks ago. And three months ago mother died."

"Yes, I climb out there and sit on that chair on the fire escape. That's the closest I get to the outside. And sister Margaret is so good. She tells me all about the movies and things she sees."

### Educated Herself

"I have read an awful lot. I have given myself a good education. I tried to take up shorthand, but somehow or other I just couldn't seem to grasp it."

"I have everything I want and sister and Daddy are so good. And there is my radio. What a joy that is!"

"I'm always listening in and have an extension cord for the head set so I may pull myself anywhere about the room."

"I suppose I should put on a long face and have a sad heart. Why? I look on the bright side of life."

"I have just one great ambition—one great desire. I wish I could get into some reclamation hospital"

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## Pain Fails to Stifle Her Joy



KATHERINE CARFFER, a valiant soldier in life's battle, doesn't despair because she has lost both legs and has undergone numerous painful operations over many years. She makes herself happy by happy thoughts, she says. Here she is in her home at 312 West 69th St., with Tommy, her loyal cat.

## CAPT. FONCK ON OCEAN FLIGHT TO HAVE VETERAN RADIO AID

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Capt. Rene Fonck

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## Boys on 'Spree'; One in Bellevue

Twelve-year-old Vincent Schuman of 441 West 96th St. early today was taken to Bellevue Hospital in a dying condition from the effects of alcohol taken during a "spree" with several other lads.

A watchman at the West 47th Street pier noticed five or six boys laughing deliriously and slapping and pushing one another.

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## 500 POLICEMEN IN TRIBUTE TO SLAIN DETECTIVE SINGER

The latest victim of the gunmen's war upon policemen was buried yesterday. He was Detective John Singer of the Automobile Squad.

## Mob Shoots Negro In Jail Cell; Hang Body to Big Tree

WYTHEVILLE, VA., Aug. 16.—Raymond Bird, 31, negro, charged with attacking a white girl, was shot and killed by a mob in his cell in the county jail here by a mob wreaking vengeance for the crime, which was committed several months ago.

The mob obtained entrance to the jail by calling the jailer to the front door and covering him with shotguns and pistols while others entered the jail and shot the negro in his cell.

The negro's body was then taken to the neighborhood in which the crime is said to have been committed and hanged to a big tree.

### BIBLE DISCUSSED

MARBLEHEAD, MASS., Aug. 16.—Some parts of the Bible are no more inspiring than the Wall Street Journal, according to the Rev. Edward H. Cotton, pastor of the Marblehead Unitarian Church.

Singer was shot dead in Police Headquarters last week by Eugene

Pearce, a giant negro arrested by the detective for auto stealing. Yesterday his body was borne at the head of a procession of 500 policemen through sympathizers lining the sidewalks for several blocks.

G. V. McLaughlin, Police Commissioner, Chief Inspector Leahy and Fourth Deputy Commissioner Kelly attended the funeral. Masonic services were conducted by Loyalty Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 876, at the undertaking rooms, Lenox Avenue and West 122d Street, at 10 a. m. Dr. Isadore Frank, Hebrew chaplain of the Police Department, spoke at Mount Nebo Temple. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Lodi, N. J.

The detective's widow was near collapse when she returned to her home at 43 West 178th St.

### IMPORTER DIES

Arthur Herbert Hagemeyer, a retired importer and exporter, died at his home, 20 Ash Ave., Flushing.

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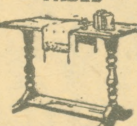
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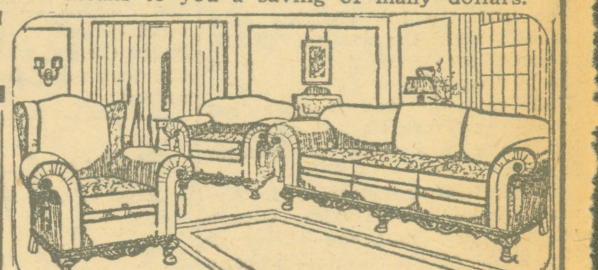
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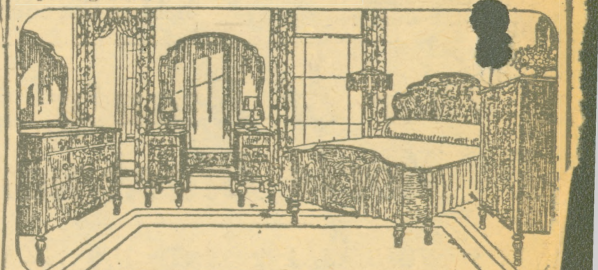
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